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Police Seize K2/Spice and Other Contraband from Seven Gary Businesses: Items Include Synthetic Cannabinoids Made Illegal by Recent Law

INDIANAPOLIS (July 27, 2011) – Officers from three police agencies seized a variety of items, including K2/Spice made illegal by a recent change in Indiana law, from seven Gary businesses this afternoon.

Indiana State Excise Police officers and Drug Enforcement Administration taskforce members assisted Gary Police Department officers in their enforcement of a new synthetic cannabinoids law, which now prohibits possession of K2, spice and bath salts. Officers also investigated possession and sale of fraudulent items, including DVDs, CDs, shoes and purses.

Officers investigated these businesses based on previous surveillance and information they gathered indicating they were involved in the sale of illegal items, including K2, spice, bath salts, as well as unlawful sales of single cigarettes and sales of fraudulent DVDs and CDs. Officers seized these items as evidence, pending their investigation for unlawful sale or possession of these items. A list of locations inspected and items seized at each is attached.

The Indiana State Excise Police will continue to work with the City of Gary in its enforcement efforts aimed at eliminating the possession of synthetic drugs and other illegal items.

"Our officers are committed to working with law enforcement agencies at every level of government to ensure that Indiana is a safe place to live, work and to raise a family," Superintendent Matt Strittmatter said. "The results of this investigation are evidence that inter-agency cooperation is necessary to keep illegal substances, like K2/Spice, off the streets and out of the hands of young Hoosiers."

Indiana State Excise Police officers are the enforcement division of the Indiana Alcohol & Tobacco Commission. Excise officers enforce all state laws, but focus primarily on alcohol and tobacco violations.

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The following locations were inspected Wednesday afternoon:

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Lori Beauty Supply - 5th Avenue
Fraudulent shoes, purses, DVD & CDs

Broadway Marathon - 25th & Broadway
Untaxed cigarettes, fraudulent DVD & CDs, shoes

Westside Market - 5th Avenue
Non-registered handgun, unpackaged cigarettes, possession of prescription drugs, fraudulent DVD & CDs

50/50 Food & Tobacco - 4th & Clark
Possession of bath salts, K2, fraudulent DVD & CDs

A&Y - 48th & Georgia
Possession of K2, unpackaged cigarettes

JP Petro Mart - Ridge Road
Contraband cigarettes, possession of legend drug, synthetic drugs, fraudulent DVD & CDs

Blue Ribbon - 47th & Broadway
Possession of synthetic drugs